Remarks

Examiner has requested applicants to elect one of the following groups of claims: Group I- claims 10, 11, 18, and 30-31, drawn to a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9.

Group II- claims 15 and 16, drawn to a method of screening potential human therapeutic agents with a SAMP32 polypeptide.

Group III- claim 17, drawn to an antibody for SEQ ID NO:9.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I- claims 10, 11, 18, and 30-31, drawn to a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (434) 243-6103.

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